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A BROKEN AND SUBDUED SPIRIT

The Weeping Worker Will Win Souls For Christ When Others Fail.

A CALL FOR MEN OF PRAYER.

David Brainard's name is recorded on the pages of history as one of the most zealous and successful of modern Christian missionaries. His heroic and self-denying labors among the American Indians were marked with success.

Brainard has sometimes been styled the "Broken-hearted preacher." This was not because of domestic trouble or his own ill-fate, but it was due to his great interest in the salvation of souls. He was a man of strong mental powers, extensive knowledge, and great sagacity; and as a preacher he was forcible and pathetic, but he could not always preach to the Indians because he did not know their language.

The success of Brainard among these red men of the forest was not attributed to his great preaching, but to his great prayers and weeping. He literally wept his way through the walls of their unbelief and heathenish customs and practices. He could not tell them, so he cried. Those broken-hearted tears won their way into the camps of the savages and won them to Christ.

Brainard did his great work among the American Indians about two hundred years ago, but his name still lives. Although his labors were ended and he died at the early age of twenty-nine, the influence of those tears is still felt as earnest young workers read the story of his life.

Brother Brainard carried with him everywhere he went a broken and subdued spirit. It was effective among the huts in the forest, it was equally effective among his own people when he stood before them and literally cried out the gospel and the love of God.

There is a Bible character that has been styled by some as the weeping prophet. He wept, not for himself, but because of the transgressions of his people. This was the prophet Jeremiah weeping over the sins of Judah. Among other things he says, "For these things I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed." (Lam. 1:16.)

I fancy I see him bowed down with his face to the ground weeping and pleading with the Lord for mercy to be shown his people, although they had sinned and rebelled against God so often. Had it not been for his tears and strong crying no doubt the anger of the Lord would have been kindled into wrath so there would have been an end of mercy.

It is evident that a broken and a subdued spirit is of great worth in the sight of God. The Psalmist recognized this when he sang, "The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." (Psalm 34:17,18.)

It was after the angel had been wrestling with Jacob several hours that his spirit was so subdued that a blessing could be imparted to him. He was al-

ways of that disposition to win in a conflict, but this time the struggle was of a different nature, and the angel put his thigh out of joint, so Jacob was ready to cry out in despair for God to help and have mercy upon him. His spirit was broken and the Lord took notice of him in his helpless condition.

David had similar experiences and thus he sang, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." (Psalm 51:17.) I once saw a picture of David Brainard that made a lasting impression upon my mind. He was bowed over with his face buried in his hands as if his heart was almost breaking with grief. He was represented as weeping over the sad condition of the Indians. He wanted to help them. He wanted them saved. He could not speak their language so he could preach to them, but he spent much of his time among them weeping and praying.

People of the world are taught that it is a sign of weakness to weep, so they train themselves to brace up against it. But I would rather have our people subdued and broken-hearted, like David Brainard, than for them to have the applause of the world. When I used to be regularly engaged in revival work I spent much of my time in prayer and weeping. Many times the spirit of weeping would come upon me out in public or along the road, as well as when I was shut in and quite often I would yield to the weeping while my heart was broken over the sins of the lost world. While my spirit was broken thus there was a cry for souls, souls, lost souls to come to God for salvation through Jesus.

I always gained much comfort from the song of the Psalmist, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." (Psalm 126:5,6.) The weeping often brings pain, and is usually a sign of sorrow of heart, but it is a good way to win souls for the Lord. The weeping worker will win souls for Christ when others fail.

There are certain influences that often surround the saints of God that have a tendency to harden their spirits, and cause them to speak harshly, or hard, but when the walking, talking, moving, praying, weeping Holy Ghost takes full possession the spirit is softened, the voice broken and subdued, and the whole nature subdued into a state of humility. There is the place where God will bless. In such a condition God always comes on the scene and melts the hard hearted sinners into penitence and repentance.

A certain church in Mississippi has called for a day of fasting and weeping and prayer before the Lord, that more power may be given for healing the sick and performing such other exploits as are needed to meet the needs of their community. This sounds good to me. It would no doubt be good for other local churches to follow this example. In the

earnestness of his spirit Joel cried out in his day and said, "Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord." (Joel 1:14.)

While riding toward Jerusalem surrounded by His admirers and lovers shouting and rejoicing, Jesus beheld the city of Jerusalem and wept over it. Here is an example for us to weep over the sins of the people. He saw them in their lost condition and in the bitterness of His soul He cried, "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace!" While others were rejoicing Jesus was weeping.

While sitting in my office it is not an infrequent occurrence for the spirit of weeping to fall upon me. My spirit is often broken and subdued before the Lord on account of the sad conditions existing in the world today. Tears of sympathy often fill my eyes as I read letters from those who are in trouble and want advice. I may not always be able to give the proper advice, but there is a warm place in my heart for every honest inquirer.

The Lord has promised help for all who come to Him in the right way. He says He will dwell with him "that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." (Isa. 57:15.) When people want help from God the sure way of getting it is by self-abasement and becoming broken and contrite.

People can harden themselves against weeping, and refuse to be broken and contrite and in this way hinder the work of the Lord in their lives. But when they meet with misfortunes and rebuffs they usually become a little more softened. Then is often the Lord's opportunity to make His way to their hearts.

But the main reason for presenting this subject is to encourage our workers to carry a broken and subdued spirit so they may be more useful and more successful in their work. Soul-saving is our business. It may be possible to get some saved by a rough means, but usually salvation rolls the best where the workers are bathed in tears and their spirits are broken and subdued.

Many times in the past when I did not meet with the success in soul-saving that I felt was due according to God's Word, I have called on God to subdue my spirit and get me down to a place where I could be more pliable in His hands. Then quite often, I would get a glimpse of souls pitching off into hell. That would break my heart and I would cry out in the bitterness of soul and beg the Lord to let me do something to rescue them, or prevent them from plunging into the flames of torment. There have been times when it seemed that my very being would burst open with agonizing cries and bitter wailing and groaning. This was because of the interest I had in the salvation of lost souls. The prophet says, "As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." (Isa. 66:8.)

It can hardly be expected that souls will be saved from sin without soul travail and weeping by somebody. One great revivalist once said he was always fearful when his heart became light while the revival was in progress. He wanted his heart to feel heavy, like it was carrying the weight of souls. The Lord says,

"But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." (Isa. 66:2.) The inference here is that God depends more upon one that trembles, and carries a broken and subdued spirit, than one that is more lofty and less interested in soul saving.

While the Lord can get along without me or you individually, He is dependent upon human instrumentality to get this gospel to a lost world. Then if we become so intensely interested in the salvation of the lost that we weep as we go, and our spirits are broken and subdued there is much more hope of God working with us. It is certainly true that the weeping worker will win souls for Christ when others fail. Many times has the writer become so interested in the salvation of souls during his discourse that he was forced to stop and weep. While the weeping was going on the altar was often filled with seekers without an invitation. Thus the weeping was more effective than the message of words. The weeping was a message and it was always successful. I used to instruct my workers to pray till they cried and their hearts were broken over lost souls. If the saints of God do not become intensely interested it is not likely the sinners themselves will become awakened.

In these days of gross darkness upon the people it is surely time for a call for men of prayer. Several years ago when I caught the spirit of the "Go ye" into the dark places of the earth I remember I did not have it in my mind to learn the languages of all the people I would go to, but I expected to reach them by the "power and demonstration of the Spirit." I expected to pray and weep and let God work and use me as an instrument wholly given up to Him.

The workers that are heavy and burdened down with prayer and the weight and worth of souls will accomplish more for God than those who are light and talkative and spend their time between services in light conversation or sight seeing. Sight seems never have a revival till they get through with their sight seeing. Soul saving is no light work. People can sing, and preach, and shout and engage in lightness, and sometimes catch a few souls, but the deep revivals are always backed up with strong prayers, and crying, and many tears.

There is such a thing as praying through, and prevailing with God for deep and heavy conviction to settle down upon people. This is indeed necessary. People must be brought down under conviction if they are ever saved. If there is no conviction there is no salvation. If there is no prayer by the workers there is no conviction. The deeper the prayers, the deeper the conviction. Paul says the Lord works according to the power that works in the workers. The workers need to get under conviction themselves, then by prayer shift it over to the sinners.

This action cannot be reasoned out. No one can tell how it is done, but it is possible for the worker to be so abandoned to God that it can be accomplished whether it is understood and explained or not. The whole scheme is a mystery. It is not so important to understand it. But it is important to have the work done and the souls saved. There is a call for men of prayer. A missionary should not de-

WORKERS TOGETHER

Help One Another And Protect Our Own Interests

SPIRITUALITY MUST BE MAINTAINED.

All true Christians want to be workers in the Lord's great harvest field. They are not lazy. They want to work, and the more spiritual they are the harder they want to work.

The Church of God is not an institution for people to join just merely to have their names on the list as members. If there are any of this class members anywhere they are in the wrong place. People are expected to join the Lord's Church to work. And if they do not work they are not worthy of membership.

People are constituted differently, so some are suited for one

kind of work and some another, but they must all work, and ought to work hard, because there is so much to be done in such a short time. And while it is necessary to work and work hard, it is also necessary to work together. This is God's plan. Paul says, "workers together with Him."

It is not the thing for one man to get out somewhere and build up a work of his own and not mingle with other workers. Somebody said, "Well I believe I will get out where no body has ever been and establish a work according to my own notion." Become isolated and apart from all other Christians. That is not the spirit of the Bible. Paul says in another place, "Laborers together with God." (1 Cor. 3:9.)

God expects us to have fellowship with one another. He expects us to wash one another's feet. He means for us to draw closer together instead of separating from one another. Abraham and Lot separated, but dear old Brother Lot got into awful trouble, lost his wife while they were fleeing from Sodom, and became the father of a generation of people that gave the true people of God much trouble.

When Israel came up out of Egypt it was the descendants of Lot that refused them a peaceful passage. They combined with the Midianites and Balaam against Moses and his people. They were gross idolaters, worshipping Chemosh and Baal-peor with obscene rites, and sometimes with human sacrifices. It was women descendants from Lot that tempted Solomon to sin. The same people aided Nebuchadnezzar against the Jews, and almost all the time there was a state of hostility existing against Israel, as described by history, throughout the existence of the two peoples.

Instead of separation that almost always leads to opposition, there should be a closer fellowship, a closer union, a deeper love for one another, and a constant working together for one interest. Workers together, and not workers apart. We should constantly try to help one another and protect our own interests, because our interests are the same.

We are "members in particular" of the great Church of God, and must stick together now, as the end is so rapidly approaching, and the tribulation days are beginning to show. There has never been a time when it has been so necessary for the Lord's children to flock together as now.

By this statement I do not mean that we should all live in the same locality, and form a colony, and separate ourselves from the world into community living, etc., but we can act in conjunction with each other, be together in spirit, and work to each other's interests and live far apart, as far as our homes are concerned. We are in the world and yet not of the world. We can live in the world and mingle with the world in our daily vocations and still be separate from the world and work to each other's interests.

Get the vision! Get the spirit of prevailing prayer! Get the flame! Get the broken and subdued spirit and you may expect a revival everywhere you go. God help you. God help all the Church of God.

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If we ever get ten thousand subscriptions to the Evangel we will have to have more help. Many of our friends have been doing well in working for the paper, and we appreciate their assistance more than we can express, but we earnestly solicit the assistance of other friends and lovers of the paper. We are surely doing our best and we would like to have your loving assistance. We beseech you, we plead with you, we kindly and lovingly ask you to do your best to roll up a good list of subscriptions and let us make one more tremendous effort to put the subscription list over to the ten thousand mark. If you need copies of the paper and subscription blanks we will take pleasure in supplying them if you will only ask for them. We are printing nine thousand four hundred this week, but if you will give us your special help we will go above that next week. Our constant cry is for help! help! And we have to have the subscriptions to make us able to meet the expenses. We cannot offer our friends any commission or premium for their assistance, but as this is the work of the Lord we feel that all will give their glad service for the sake of the Master.

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them out in the congregations. Every one will gladly take a fan, and probably their eyes will fall on a verse of Scripture that will reach their hearts.

Order a supply of the tracts and sow down your community with the precious seed of the gospel, and a harvest will follow soon or late. Let us do our utmost this year. We make the price at 25 cents per hundred post paid, which is very low, in order to do our part in this great work. This price does not fully pay for the printing, but as tract distribution is always free, we make our work free too. We will prepare them and you hand them out, and we will thus be workers together in spreading the gospel. We can make no reduction on large quantities.

Afton, Tenn.

To The Readers of The Evangel—Greetings in Jesus:

We are in a great meeting here at this time. The friends had already built a nice tabernacle about 40x60 feet and in a very nice location near Afton Station. This is near the Alleghany mountains. Such beautiful scenery is truly grand. The best water you most ever drank and beautiful grass plots and good cool breezes inasmuch that we are often delighted to sit by a good log fire here in June.

The people are coming in great congregations and they are staying until midnight. Some have already been saved and sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Well it is truly wonderful how we are enjoying good things. The people are giving us a welcome in their homes and feeding us on the good of the land. The saints are shouting and dancing quite a little. This is the one thing that the people are most amazed at. Some are quite a little astonished at the sisters talking in tongues so much, however, they are continually at it. This is a wonderful field for some one who is willing to give some time to the Lord.

We are truly blessed with laborers. Brother D. W. Hawthorth and family are here, in fact he built the tabernacle. Sister T. L. McLain is with us and it is truly wonderful how she is being used of the Lord. Mrs. Anna Heath of Atlanta, Ga., is here, too, and she is truly making the piano ring with heavenly anthems. The people seem spellbound as she rings out the strains of heavenly music. Our little Sister Stella Champion of Cleveland, Tennessee is here with a testimony that has already confounded the devil. I tell you it would be worth the world if millions could hear her. Our esteemed Sister Officer of Cleveland, is also here. She has been calling on the mighty God of the skies and He has surely heard prayer. Sister Mary McKinney is here, too, with a voice like a trumpet, ringing out such sweetness that many have exclaimed that "it is truly wonderful what God can do!"

This is truly highlands of glory, And we're bringing out the story. Many are hearing His gentle call, Everywhere the good seed falls. The people are anxious to hear the Word; Their voices in the fields can often be heard. They talk of these things along the road And wonder if it can be true; They stop on the corners in the harvest field And say, "What next will they do?" Though they labor hard to cut their grain That makes the good biscuit bread, Yet tired and worn from the day of strain They go to meeting before they do to bed.

M. S. Lemons.

Request.

Dear Saints:

I desire your prayers that I may enjoy this great salvation and be loyal unto my Master and King.

O. C. Morgan.

WORKERS TOGETHER.

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The apostle Paul makes a statement that I wish to present here. He says, "Let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." (Gal. 6:10.) By working for each other's interests, and helping one another, and showing special favors to one another, we do not violate the teaching of Scripture. No, we rather violate it if we should separate and work and act independently of one another.

While the different states are operating their evangelistic and pastoral work separately under the supervision of different overseers, yet the closest relation and fellowship must exist. There must be co-operation. There must be a working together and all laboring to the same end, and concentrate rather than separate.

The churches all over are co-operating beautifully in our foreign and home missionary work. They all have one common treasury to which all funds are sent. This plan makes it possible for much greater things to be accomplished. Separate this and the work is dwarfed, yea, ruined. This is wisdom. The world concentrates to accomplish big things. We can do it too, and we must do it.

We have taken a forward step this year. We have selected a foreign missionary secretary, and a home missionary secretary. While the money all comes to head quarters, it is the duty of these secretaries each to look after the special interests of his special department, in conjunction with the General Overseer. All this is a working together, and not a working apart. The churches and individuals are doing their part in sending their money to one common treasury where it makes an amount that is worth something. The secretaries perform their part and the missionaries on the field do their part and thus we all become workers together.

How much is this like the circulation of the blood in the human body! The heart is the center from which the blood is thrown into all parts of the body through the proper channels and organs. From all parts of the body the surplus blood comes to the heart, and from thence the supply is constantly going to build up the cells and tissues and organs. It is a perfect machine operating for its own benefit and to build itself up to become strong. This is a good comparison of the Church of God. Workers together. Helpers together to spread the truth. "Edifying itself in love." (Eph. 4:16) Study this verse.

The Church of God Evangel is operated in a similar manner. Only one paper. Only one printing plant. The articles and testimonies and money come from all parts of the country and the paper goes from one common center to every church, and carries blessing to every member. It belongs to all the members and all the members are benefited by it. The members work for the paper and the paper works for them. It finds its way into the homes of those that live apart from any other members, and by means of the paper all are held together.

Why would not the same principle work, and why would it not be as expedient for the ministers to be supported from a common treasury as the home and foreign missionaries? And why would it not be practicable and just as consistent to have our funds concentrated for our protection from loss by fire, poverty, sickness, death, or any other misfortunes that might arise. If we are to be workers together and have a special care for "them who are of the household of faith," why not go at it in a systematic way like God has arranged the system for pro-

tecting and caring for the human body?

The above plan would surely be a way to help one another and protect our own interests. Most all of our own property holders are carrying fire insurance at a high premium. Most all of the churches that have buildings of their own are carrying insurance. Why not concentrate those funds in one common treasury, drop fire insurance and protect ourselves against losses by fire or otherwise? This is only a matter of being workers together, and helpers one of another, and it would enable our people to stop paying out their money to make fire-insurance companies rich.

While all of this is going on our spirituality must be maintained. We draw all of our spiritual life from one center. We help one another to get it by our preaching, singing, praying, personal conversation etc., etc., but the real life comes from Jesus who is our Head. God has ordained that we work together, and by this means we become more spiritual. Take a church where its members do not work together and you can set it down that it is not a spiritual church. Division causes trouble and drives away spirituality. Unity, love, co-operation, concentration, one heart and one soul, one treasury, one doctrine (the apostles' doctrine) was the spirit of the early Church. At that time it is said, "Neither was there any among them that lacked." At that time there was great spirituality. They did not lack temporal necessities. Distribution was made properly, and it was there to distribute. Great grace was upon them all and the fire fell and souls by the thousands came flocking to God and the Church. There was concentration. There was distribution. There was an example of "workers together." And they truly worked together, not separate, and obtained great results.

Please do not think I am advocating the selling of possessions and putting the price into one common treasury from which all should draw. That is not my meaning and I do not want it so understood, but I do want us to prepare for a better system of protection and help for one another and thus be workers together in every way possible. As stated above, we will surely need this close care for each other as the end approaches. And we can stop this life insurance and burial benefits, and fire insurance on our church property and dwelling houses and other buildings if we will throw down a little more of the spirit of "every fellow for himself," and probably a little selfishness and fear, and go to helping one another.

It will be an easy matter to institute a plan to provide for all these benefits right among ourselves if we will just decide to be workers together, instead of workers apart and separate and independent.

Surely there are no religious people that are as closely united and love each other as we do, but may be we can get a little closer together yet. Let us try it. We are not afraid to concentrate our missionary funds, and we are sure that is the best way. Why not concentrate funds for other purposes just as well? Why not? And while we are doing this, why not feel a closer interest in each other and draw from Jesus, our one common Head, greater spirituality and more food for our souls?

Come on dear ones, I believe there is something better for us in many ways if we will concentrate our forces and become closer workers together, and help one another and protect our own interests. What do you say? Do not answer me, but answer reason and wisdom and your conscience.

THE LORD IS AT HAND

HENRY BEERLY

As the ages of eternity unfold there will never be any fear that the years to come will bring an end to the happiness of the redeemed. When myriads of ages shall have rolled by, still beyond stretches eternity.

The time of the coming of our Lord is near at hand. We may dispute it, we may deny it now; but at that time we shall be compelled to meet it.

Are you ready for that day? Do you tremble when you think of it? Are you in Christ? Are you safe? Have you obeyed God? Have you heard the great and final gospel message? It has been sent to you through the Evangel that it may prepare your heart to meet God. Have you conformed your life to it and thus permitted the Lord to prepare you to meet Him in peace? If not, let me plead with you to seek the Lord while the door of mercy is closed, and while probation still lingers. Believe the message He has sent to you and give Him your heart.

It may be, however, that you have been saved, if so, God speed you on your heavenly journey. Christ's love for you is very great. The Master is about to come with rewards; what reward will He bring you? Remember the work of God. Strive to save those about you from the wrath which is to come. Give them the message of His coming; be zealous in giving the message for in it is salvation. The time is too short for half-heartedness. God is calling now for laborers. Oh, give yourself to Him for the finishing of His work.

It will not be long until sin and sinners will be no more in the earth. Let us not be deceived by the wiles of Satan. He will take us captive if we can. The message of the coming of Jesus is now in the earth and is being proclaimed far and wide. There is salvation for you in that message; come, then, to Christ who rescues the perishing, who saves the lost. Seek His mercy, cast away the sins which offend Him; put away the thoughts which insult Him and take Him for your Redeemer and Friend. He has given His life that you may have an everlasting inheritance with Him. Delay no longer; the time is short.

The Lord is at hand. May He say to you who read these words, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Revival Meeting Notice.

Revival services will begin at Bankhead, Ala. July 25, 1918. Brother Robinson and Brother Luther Richard will have charge of the services. Everybody is invited.

For further information address V. L. Smith, Mentone, Ala.

Brother George Danehower who is in the U. S. navy reports that he is still on victory side and is trying to spread the gospel by distributing our literature over the different states. His address is changed to that given below.

G. F. Danehower,
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DO NOT STOP READING YET.

To avoid such a rush at the central office we will call them in by sections. Please do not send until your section is called. The first section will include all west of the Mississippi river.

Be it known to all Evangelists of the Church of God now laboring west of the Mississippi river, that on and after the fifth day of February 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and, therefore, you are hereby authorized to send your old credentials to the principle office at Cleveland, Tenn., to have them replaced with new ones that are good for 1918.

SECOND SECTION.

The State of Alabama:

Be it known to all Evangelists now laboring in the state of Alabama that on and after February 15 your old credentials are declared null and void and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

THIRD SECTION.

La., Miss., and Georgia:

Be it known to all the Evangelists now laboring in Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia, that on and after February 25 your old credentials are declared null and void and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

FOURTH SECTION.

Fla., N. C., S. C.

Be it known to all the Evangelists whose church membership is in Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina, that on and after March 25, 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

FIFTH SECTION.

Tenn., Ky., Va., W. Va., Pa., Md., Ohio, Ill., Mich., and all other places in the United States not named above.

Be it known to all Evangelists whose membership is in the above named states or any other place in the United States not named above, that on and after May 25, 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

As the year is getting so far along we will not recall credentials from ministers in the Bahama Islands or other foreign countries, and their office will hold good until next Assembly. This is the last call for this year. I hope all will pay attention to it and let us get through with it as quickly as possible.

Notice.

The camp meeting will begin at Melrose, Ga., July 4, 1918. We want to extend an invitation to all the friends in the adjoining states as well as to all in the state.

This is a new camp but the friends and neighbors are very hospitable and will do their part in providing accommodations for the friends that come from a distance.

We are very much in need of a few more camps on the ground. We do sincerely hope that friends who come will make a little sacrifice and put up a few.

I desire to say to one and all that the time is short; what we do must be done quickly. This might be our last time to meet for such an occasion. Come praying and expect to help somebody.

All who are seeking the baptism with the Holy Ghost, come with expectation of receiving Him. Ask largely and expect much.

Come and enjoy a feast of fat things, "wine on the lees well refined."

Yours for Jesus and souls,
M. S. Lemons.

Gossett, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to report victory in Dale, Ill. We closed the meeting last night. Seventeen were saved, thirty-six were sanctified and eighteen were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Twelve were baptized in water and the Church was set in order with seventeen members with many others to follow.

Brother Taylor and family were with us all through the meeting. Brother Barnett and Brother Tony Ford came up and assisted in setting the church in order and delivered some powerful messages.

Yesterday, being the last day of the meeting, was a day of rejoicing and melting together with the great love of God. Praise His name! We had all day service, dinner on the ground and baptizing in the afternoon. Over a hundred visiting members were present from Eldorado and a few from other places.

I shall never forget the kindness shown by the people of Dale and community. As I write I feel the great love bubbling up and flowing out to the saints and others whom I have learned to love.

My heart is leaping and bounding after more of God as I see the evil day coming upon us.

I am moving to Gossett today where we will labor alone with God assisted only by visiting saints. Brother Taylor is going to Equality.

I ask the prayers of saints everywhere that God will use me to help spread this gospel to the lost.

Your brother in Christ,
John O. Yates.

Avery, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for His saving, sanctifying and healing power and for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for keeping me unspotted from the world.

I request all the saints to pray that my son-in-law be delivered from the appetite for cigarettes. He wants to be delivered and I know God is able.

Your sister in Christ,
Susie Montgomery.

Charleston, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for victory. Though evangelistic work has been dull it is now coming to the front. I am looking for many souls to be saved this year.

I am expecting great things from the Lord this summer. I want to request all the saints in Mississippi to fast and pray with

me on the fourth day of July for God to pour out His blessings and power upon us and give us great revivals this summer.

We have a lot of new places to work up. I hope to be able to set some new churches in order. I am taking a band of workers with me and we are working hard for the salvation of the souls of people in Mississippi.

We desire the prayers of the saints that we may be successful in all our undertakings for God. Christian love to all the saints scattered abroad.

J. A. Davis.

Home Mission Receipts.

Church, Knoxville, Tenn.,	\$ 2 00
" Dora, Ala.,	6 00
" Sobel, Tenn.,	1 50
" North Chattanooga, Tenn.,	3 81
" Ridgedale, Tenn.,	7 39
" Kentwood, La.,	3 15
" Lafollette, Tenn.,	1 70
" Walls Chapel, Ala.,	1 40
" Kimberly, Ala.,	6 25
" Gastonia, N. C.,	1 81
" Tampa, Fla.,	2 00
Mrs. Lola L. Hadsock, Alachua, Fla.,	0 25
Church, Key West, Fla.,	7 27
" Crumley Chapel, Ala.,	1 50
S. S. White Oak Mountain, Tenn.,	0 50
Church, Bompas Creek, Ill.,	3 00
Mrs. M. C. King, Watertown, Fla.,	1 00
Church, Philadelphia, Pa.,	2 00
" Brockdell, Tenn.,	0 65
" Walhalla, S. C.,	6 26
" Spring Place, Ga.,	2 50
" Salem, Va.,	2 50
" Kinser Tabernacle, Tenn.,	2 35
" Anniston, Ala.,	4 00
" Largo, Fla.,	5 65
" Ft. Myers, Fla.,	2 20
" Hiwassee, Tenn.,	1 54
S. S. Alabama City, Ala.,	1 00
Church, Branford, Fla.,	3 00
S. S. Helicon, Ala.,	2 05
Church, East Gulf, W. Va.,	1 05
" Chokoloskee, Fla.,	3 00
" Shorts Creek, Va.,	0 25

Naples, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have often desired to write my testimony as the Lord has done so much for me.

In the year 1916 He really saved and sanctified me. Later He led me on to water baptism and afterward to the church. Still later He filled me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His name!

Today finds me still determined to press onward. I mean to follow Jesus all the way. I'm glad I can trust the Lord for soul and body. He is mine and I am His.

One year ago I suffered a serious burn. My people called two physicians but I did not accept treatment from either of them. Several of my brethren prayed with me; but I did not get perfect relief until we called Brother Skinner and Sister Carrel from Ft. Myers, Fla. At this time the Lord heard and answered prayer. Praise Him for His healing power through the blood of Jesus! God has healed me many times.

I ask the prayers of my brethren and sisters that I may draw nearer to God and be filled more and more with His love till Jesus comes.

Your brother in Christ,
Wm. Weeks.

Asleep in Jesus.

On June 7, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister W. R. Messer and claimed their little baby girl, Lavonia. The parents and friends are grieved over the loss of the little darling whom they loved so much, but we know our loss is heaven's gain. We know God's will is best.

The funeral services were conducted by their pastor.

Let us walk in the light that we may be ready to go when the summons shall come to us.

O. T. Morgan.

Foreign Mission Receipts.

Church, Valdosta, Ga.,	\$ 0 35
" Sunburst, N. C.,	2 50
G. P. Lefford, Hayesville, N. C.,	3 00
William Autin, Belmont, N. C.,	2 00
Mrs. W. M. Murphy, Cleveland, Tenn.,	1 00
Church, Heflin, Ala.,	1 90

Walhalla, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel and tell how wonderfully God is working over here on the hills of South Carolina. The power is falling in every service and the saints are being blessed and edified and there is a desire in their hearts for a closer walk with God.

On last Sunday morning we had communion service and washed the saints' feet. The Lord certainly set His seal on this service. There was weeping laughing, shouting, dancing and talking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

While this was going on deep conviction settled down on the unsaved. One man went away from the service so deeply convicted of his sins that he could find no rest but kept feeling more miserable each day until at last he felt that unless the Lord helped him he would die. He wanted some one to pray with him. His wife told him she would go with him anywhere to get somebody to pray for him, so he hitched his horse to the buggy and at about two o'clock in the morning arrived at my home and began telling me his troubles.

After talking with him a few minutes I read the fifth chapter of Romans and referred to some other Scriptures. Then we began calling on the Lord, and as we cried for help the power fell, the burden of sin rolled away and he shouted the victory.

He said he had just ploughed out his tobacco patch. I asked him what he was going to do with it now; his answer was, "I am going home and plough it up and plant cane in its place."

Oh, how I do praise God for His redeeming love!

Your brother in Christ,
W. H. Cross.

Spring Lake, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for victory in my soul today. I am praising Him for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. The Comforter still abides. Praise His precious name!

I praise Him so much for sending Brother and Sister Aylor and other workers here who preached the whole Bible. I'm glad a few were willing to confess their sins. The Word says if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

When we first began to have prayer meeting, people around said it would not last long, but praise the Lord, we are still having prayer meetings four times each week and the Lord certainly does bless us. We read in Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together." I praise God for a little band here. Glory to God!

I am determined more and more to go through with Jesus. We are living in the evening time and we should be more interested about lost souls around us, for the harvest is white and the laborers are few. We must work while it is day for the night is soon coming when no man can work.

We are in perilous times and it certainly means something to go all the way with Jesus. We must humble ourselves before Him and ask for strength and faith. If we stand true to Him we will have persecutions, but He says His grace is sufficient. Glory to His name!

Your sister in Christ,
Bertha Hamilton.

REVERENCE.

L. HOWARD JULLERAT.

It is said that the Jews so feared and revered the name of Jehovah that they used a special pen to write it.

Reverence means profound respect mingled with fear and affection. Awe is a word similar to it and means a mixed feeling of sublimity and dread in view of something great or terrible, sublime or sacred.

Both of these words are found in the Bible. We read, "Let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear; for our God is a consuming fire." "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him." God is to be held in reverence; we are on His footstool, He is on the throne.

In our services all frivolous conversation should cease. The preachers should not laugh and whisper then rebuke sinners if they do the same. Set the example. "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works."

Kneeling in silent prayer is a good way to begin divine worship. Recognize His presence. Sing for His glory; pray unto Him, not at folks; testify as unto the Lord and preach as if you could see Him. What glorious times we would have! How we would walk softly before Him! How differently we might act if we could see Him sitting in our midst!

If we honor Him He will honor us. The great King honoring one of His little children! Where His name is honored there will He put His glory! Surely we are above all people when His royal personage is among us.

When God, the Holy Ghost speaks we should show Him great reverence; for He is God with powerful attributes yet is He likened unto a dove and may be grieved away by continual disregard. He is to be honored with the heart as well as the lips. He is to be honored with our substance and the first fruits of our increase. GOD FIRST!—in our affections, with our means, with our strength. A stingy man doesn't honor God; he isn't big enough to do it. A little man can have a big heart and a pure heart, the kind that honors God.

Another way to show reverence is to have our children keep quiet during services and not run over the house.

Brethren, could we behold the majesty of God dwelling in light so dazzling that mortals can't approach, whose glory surpasses anything seen by human eye, whose holiness is absolute and His power supreme, surely we would come before Him with greater reverence.

King Solomon showed much reverence in the way he approached the ineffable Jehovah. Daniel got so humble that the angel raised him to his feet. John, the seer on Patmos, was about to worship one of the brethren in his glorified state, so wonderful, so majestic did he appear. If a redeemed man were so glorious, what must the appearance of Jesus be! The brightness of His coming shall destroy that master-piece of Satan—the Beast, or Anti-christ.

How softly we should walk before Him! How we should reverence His name! Immeasurable blessings and glory await those who thus honor God. Holy and reverend is His name!

Notice.

I will open a Church of God mission in Columbus, Ga., in the month of June. If there is any Church of God people there who can help me care for it, write me at once giving your address. The address of mission will be given later.

Mrs. Lee Jarrell,
R. 3, Opelika, Ala.

Carmi, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers—Greeting in the Name of Jesus:

Having derived so much good and pleasure from reading the Evangel I desire to add my testimony.

At the age of ten years I was truly converted through Jesus Christ our Lord. Oh, how bright the sun shone and how beautiful the world looked the morning I was made a new creature in Christ Jesus. Though it was December, to me it was as pleasant as May. I had accepted Christ as my Savior.

I joined the Missionary Baptist church which I thought was the only right one. I had a loving Christian mother who early in life taught me the worth of prayer and of the mighty power of God. Her father was a Baptist preacher and a true man of God which made me a staunch Baptist.

But one day I heard of holiness and the baptism of the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues. Of course I thought it was heresy as did many of my dear Baptist friends and many others today. But praise God, He called me out and showed me the way. I followed. Glory! I am not sorry. Oh the joy of a holy life walking in the Kings highway spoken of in Isaiah 55:9. He baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I spoke in other tongues.

Of course I lost my reputation in the worldly set I had been following, was put out of the Baptist Church but I am happy in a Savior's love.

Like many others I did not know there was a true Church of God here on earth where the rules and government are Scriptural. I was outside for three years, but on December 23, 1917, I joined the Church of God at Carmi, Ill.

I'm glad this morning I ever joined the army which makes us more than conqueror through Christ who loved us.

May God, give you wisdom and strength for the duties He has enjoined upon you and power to all His saints everywhere.

Your humble sister,
Pearl Bowden.

Report.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

We are praising the Lord for victory in our souls and for the way He is redeeming precious souls from sin.

We just left a place called Rocky Hill church, about ten miles from Nicholls, Ga., where we saw forty souls saved, some sanctified and ten filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

We expect Brother M. S. Lemons to go back there with us from the Melrose camp meeting to set the church in order.

We are at present about eight miles from Lee, Fla. in a battle against sin. We have good attendance. There are hungry hearts here. Pray much for us that we shall ever be humble and win souls for Jesus.

Yours for the Master,
W. W. Bohannon and Wife.

Hiawassee, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We have had the happy privilege of hearing our pastor preach two good sermons, one Saturday night and on Sunday at eleven o'clock. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way.

Some of the saints from Pulaski were here whose presence we appreciated very much.

We love Brother Fortner and as he is in the draft we desire that all will pray a special prayer that he may be exempted. We feel that he would be a greater blessing in preaching the gospel than he would be in the war.

Your brother in Christ,
W. H. Musgrove.

Gone To Be With Jesus.

In the sickness and death of our dear sister, Mrs. Allen, wife of our minister, J. W. Allen, we the Church of God at Marietta, Ohio, extend our sympathy to the husband, parents, brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Allen was the daughter of William Stevens, of Mineralwells, W. Va. She was born at Mineralwells, Wood Co., W. Va., January 30, 1886; departed this life February 3, 1918, being at the time of her death thirty-two years of age.

She has been a member of the Church of God at Akron Ohio for some time, but during the early winter she and her husband moved to Marietta where they were sent to establish a church. On account of failing health she was not permitted to be with her husband very much in the services, but her presence was with us in prayer for she was a power in prayer and she had great faith in her God. We feel that her faith in God was largely responsible for the church being built up, both she and her husband being led by the Holy Ghost. We feel that they were a God-send to us to show us the truth.

Sister Allen lived a beautiful Christian life during her sickness, never complaining, and showing kindness to every one. In the stillness of the night we have learned that she would spend hours in prayer for lost souls. So we can rest assured by her life and testimony that she has been with Jesus and learned of Him.

Left to mourn her loss are, a husband, four children, parents, three brothers, one sister and a host of relatives and friends. She had a loving spirit which endeared her to all who knew her.

The funeral services were conducted by Brother Peck at the Church of God at Parkersburg and interment at the family burying ground near Mineralwells, W. Va.

Let all the children of God pray for our dear Brother Allen in his bereavement.

The Marietta Church.

Coalfield, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for what He has done for me. He has so wonderfully saved me from sin. Praise His holy name!

On June 10, the death angel visited our home and carried away my precious little five-year-old darling. She has gone to live with Jesus. She was sick only from Sunday morning until Monday night. Our loss is heaven's gain.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet.

Your sister in Christ,
Myrtle Taylor.

Buying W. S. S.

ON JUNE 2.

Many are inquiring about this. A close study of Matthew 17:24—27, and Luke 20:22—25, and the leadings of the Holy Spirit will show you what you ought to do.

Oneonta, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints—Peace be Unto Thee:

I am praising God for victory. I praise Him for this highway, this pure way, the way over which no unclean thing can pass. There are some in this way who mean to go through with Jesus. Praise His holy name!

I desire that the saints pray for me that I may stay in the center of God's will and also pray for the little band here in Blount county.

Yours for the Master,
J. M. Kirby.

THOUGHTS FROM PAUL

ROY L. COTNAM

It is a great comfort to ministers when they have full evidence of the Lord Christ's calling them to their work, and granting them success in it; and readily ought they to forego their own liberties or claims if it tend to the success of the gospel. But if they do this it is base to revile their persons or deny their rights on that account.

Nothing can be more evident than that ministers have a divine right to a sufficient maintenance from their hearers, yet never ought the procuring of that to be their aim; but the glory of God in the conversion of souls, and every form of lawful condescension is to be practiced so far as best answers that end.

With great faithfulness, care and pains ought ministers and others to run their Christian course and fight their spiritual warfare according to God's Word, and duly govern their passions, appetites and conduct. With humble and holy jealousy ought they to take heed to themselves, their doctrines and practices, that neither they nor their labors be rejected by Christ at His coming.

Metinks I hear St. Paul say in his first letter to the Corinthians: It was for the very purpose of avoiding offense that I forbore taking my necessary and due subsistence from you. How absurd then is it to infer from this circumstance that I am not an apostle when no one can be produced that has a more evident claim to that high office! For did not I receive my commission and instruction immediately from Christ Himself when He appeared to me? And are not you Corinthians who were converted, many of you, through my ministry an evident proof that Christ hath sealed mine office in your conversion and your enrichment with excellent gifts and graces?

I therefore boldly interrogate your new, proud preachers who dare to question my authority: Have I not a divine right to necessary subsistence, not only for myself, but for a family if I chose to have one, as well as James, Jude, Peter or any other apostle? Am I and Barnabas, who were so expressly appointed to the apostolic work by the Holy Ghost, and no other, obliged to maintain ourselves by the labor of our hands? What can be more unreasonable? Have common soldiers, labourers, or shepherds a universally allowed claim at least to a reward of necessary food and raiment, and must we, who, under Christ as our Captain, fight His battles, pull down the strongholds of sin and Satan and bring multitudes of sinners to Him—we, who under His direction, labour in His vineyard, plant and water the souls of His people, who watch over and feed His spiritual flock, have no claim to necessary sustenance?

Nay, let the law of Moses of which my Judahizing opponents are so fond decide the point. It expressly forbids to muzzle the mouth of an ox while treading out the corn in order to keep him from eating mouthfuls of it. Now God did not make this law merely for these brutes but chiefly to direct and bind men to exercise humanity and equity toward those of their own species who labor for the benefit of their souls and to encourage such to expect a proper reward from those who reap benefit by them.

When we have spent our time and strength in dispensing unto you the oracles and ordinances of God for the conviction, conversion, comfort and eternal salvation of your souls, could you reasonably grudge us the small return of a temporal necessary sustenance for our bodies? If other preachers and even your false teachers claim a right to a proper maintenance, are not we, who first planted and water-

Does Satan Speak in Tongues?

R. M. EVANS

The Lord has burdened me recently with a sense of the importance of our fulfilling our mission as the Church of God in keeping close to the plain Word of God and of avoiding caviling over wise innovations.

When the latter rain began to fall, and for some time after, we pressed up close to God and enjoyed precious fellowship with each other. The fruits of the Spirit were developed and the gifts of the Spirit were being bestowed. But because of some counterfeits creeping in, doubts have sprung up as to the genuineness of messages in tongues and some have embraced the idea that Satan can talk in tongues as well as the Holy Ghost, thereby weakening their confidence in the sign of the incoming and abiding Comforter. This error has borne widespread and hurtful results.

Those who advocate this hurtful theory make much of the power manifested by the magicians of Egypt, the witch of Endor, and the miracles foretold of Anti-Christ. None of these refer to speaking in tongues, but are quoted, they say, to show the

ed your church, much more entitled to it?

Nevertheless, to manifest that we have no mercenary aim, but only seek your spiritual and eternal welfare, and that the gospel which sets forth the offices and grace of Christ, and which He has authorized and committed to our trust, might be the more readily received by you, we neither asked nor received from you our due maintenance. But though we had done both, we should have but exerted our right. Ye, and especially your Judahizing pretenders to wisdom, cannot but know that under the Mosaic dispensation, the priest and Levites who officiated for others in the worship of God, had a very ample subsistence divinely allotted them out of their tithes, sacrifices, meat offerings and gifts. In like manner when Christ sent forth His disciples to preach the gospel, He expressly appointed that all faithful preachers should be maintained by those who share the benefit of their labors.

But not withstanding these express laws of both Moses and Christ, I neither have nor intended to ask or receive any maintenance from you: for I had rather earn my bread with the labor of my own hands than give any occasion to think that I preach the gospel for the sake of carnal gain.

For let me be as earnest and diligent in publishing the glad tidings of salvation as I will, it is no more than what my commission and command from Christ render my indispensable duty; and should I neglect it, the reproaches of my guilty conscience and the everlasting damnation of hell must be my just reward.

But if, under all the difficulties of poverty and of providing for myself, I preach from a pure regard to the glory of God and the salvation of men, I have a present inward satisfaction of mind, and humbly expect a future gracious reward for my faithfulness and zeal. On the other hand, if I should with reluctance receive and manage the trust which Christ has committed to me, what reward should I expect but remorse of conscience now and eternal misery hereafter?

In view of this I preach the gospel freely, when circumstances require it, that none may be prejudiced thereat or pretend that I rigorously require my dues.

May God help the readers of this article to remember that Paul is one of the stones in the Church of God and his instructions are, to be a follower of him even as he was a follower of Jesus Christ.

power of Satan. This might be consistent if our mission were to magnify Satan, but Jesus said: "I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me."—John 12:32. The apostle says in First Corinthians 1:23, "We preach Christ crucified." Again, "Preach the Word."—2 Tim. 4:2.

As to Satan having original power, Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."—Mat. 28:18. He said to Pilate, "Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above."—John 19:11. Paul said, "There is no power but of God."—Rom. 13:1. When God withheld His power from the magicians of Egypt they could do nothing.

There is a case more to the point in Saul, king of Israel, prophesying after the Spirit of the Lord had left him; but it plainly says that "the Spirit of God was upon him and he went on and prophesied."—1 Sam. 19:23, 24. There is no authority here nor any where else in God's Word for Satan speaking in tongues.

Jesus said in Mark 16:17 that speaking in tongues is a sign following believers, and Paul plainly says in first Corinthians 14:22, "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not." These two passages are of more force than endless tons of conjectures and traditions of novices.

Every one of experience knows that there ARE imitations, but it is not according to truth to call a counterfeit a genuine coin. I knew a man who said to a friend of mine, "My language is too harsh: I will have to get off and practice." He was going to teach the Holy Ghost how to talk. I heard him say: "I will have to get to work for my Italian is slipping away from me." He had a smattering of Latin. Who would be silly enough to call that speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

May the Lord make us wise to follow the things that make for peace and unity in the Church of God. Help us to live and preach the Word of God as it is and not pervert it to please anybody is my humble prayer in the precious name of Jesus.

Mena, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family—Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

Bless His name! I am praising God for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the mighty Holy Ghost.

Thank God for victory! I have just closed a three weeks meeting and am thanking God for the upbuilding and uplifting of many people in this place. I'm so glad of His mighty love.

Take courage, dear saints, you who are discouraged; our blessed Savior has a message of love for every one. Oh, I can never thank and praise Him enough for His goodness.

I desire the prayers of all that God will have His way with me. Yours in Jesus, F. M. Smedley.

Asleep in Jesus.

The death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Paul Milican, of Boaz, Alabama June 9, and claimed their little two-year-old daughter, Julia Mae.

She was the light of the home and the Sunday school. She was absent from the Sunday school only a few Sundays in her short life. She will be sadly missed by all.

The parents have our heartfelt sympathy in this time of trouble.

L. A. Landrome.

Warrior, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise the Lord for victory. Bless His name forever. I am still in the battle and expect to stay close to the Savior's side until He comes.

I was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost during a meeting conducted at Kimberly, Ala., by Brother M. S. Haynes about six years ago. I am not tired of the way but I want to go deeper in His love and get more wisdom and knowledge. Praise His precious name.

I want to live a holy and spotless life before all so that when I stand in the presence of Jesus I shall not hear the words, "Depart from me." I want to see His smiling face and loved ones gone before. I desire that the saints pray for me and also for my husband that he may receive the Holy Ghost.

Your sister,
Gertrude Hayes.

Heavenly Home More Important Than The Earthly.

PERRY W. HADSOCK.

And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.—Mat. 8:20.

Jesus, the Savior of mankind, during His mission on this earth suffered many hardships, was a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief, and through all these sufferings He was without a home in this world.

It is the nature of all living creatures to desire a place termed "home." We notice the tiny insects have their homes and they are continually working to this end, that they may have a place of rest.

This is true of man. He is never satisfied, but is continually seeking a resting place, but he will only meet temporary satisfaction. Soon he becomes dissatisfied and plans for improvement.

It is sad to see those who know not God with their whole hearts in things that are soon to pass away, but it is more so to see those who profess to know Him so carried away with things of earth. I don't doubt that the great heart of God is grieved when He sees a child of His who has plenty to sustain life and a comfortable home, step out and spend his money for that which is not necessary, when "just over there" some one is needy.

Without a home in this world was the life Jesus lived. His affection was on things above, and He left instructions for us to follow in His steps. Of course we enjoy the comforts of an earthly home, it is not wrong to have one, but the thought is we should not let our earthly homes hinder our efforts to attain to the heavenly.

Oh, that men would say "Goodby, home," and step out on God's eternal promises and go and work as they go; and those who are not called to go would utilize some of the unecessaries of the home in the support of those who forsake all and go.

The responsibility is resting upon each one. Now is the time for us to march forward. It is no time to cool down or relax in the least. Push forward with all your might. Why not sacrifice? Why not deny ourselves of home a little more? The time is short and what we do must be done quickly. Remember that should we be without a home here, Jesus is preparing for us a mansion over there more beautiful than any this old world can afford. "And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundred fold now in this time, houses and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." Mark 10:29,30.

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Your humble sister in Christ,
Lillie Tilghman.

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